



Exhibit 1
Rural Mail Box relative to the garage and house.



Exhibit 2
File Box with USPTO related files

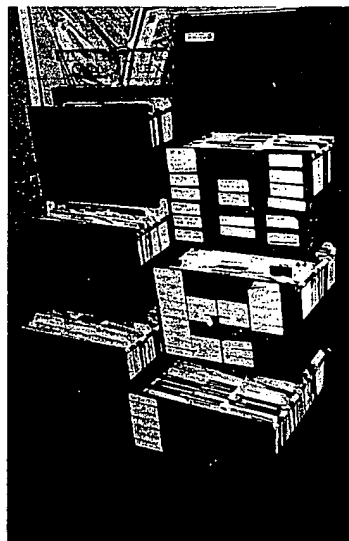


Exhibit 3
Two Additional File Cabinets



Exhibit 4
Two File Boxes

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Click here for a New York Times article on the Presidents' Day Blizzard of 2003 in D.C.

<http://www.weatherbook.com/snowreport2003.htm>

More Than Enough to Shut Down the Capital

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17

Washington does not need Presidents' Day as a reason to shut down. It needs just an inch or two of snow. Blanket it with a monster snowstorm and people start asking, How long will it take the most powerful city in the most powerful nation on earth to dig out?

As long as 60 hours, Mayor Anthony A. Williams announced today, demonstrating yet again that a city of "Southern efficiency and Northern charm — John F. Kennedy's famous insult — views a snowstorm as an insurmountable act of God. Washington, after all, has trouble with rain.

President Bush, setting the cocooning mood of the capital, canceled a Presidents' Day speech at the National Museum of American History, around the corner from the White House, a distance of less than half a mile. The reason, White House aides said, was not that the president had any fear of venturing out in his 14-car motorcade, but that the museum itself had closed.

Mr. Bush did keep a scheduled meeting in the Oval Office with President Vaira Vike-Freiberga of Latvia. She had to be ferried to the White House gates in a fleet of four-wheel-drive Chevy Suburbans. Mr. Bush also made time to take his dogs for a romp in the snow.

"It's still the White House and there's a lot of activity, but for at least a day it was quieter than normal," said Adam Levine, a White House spokesman, who like a small cadre of other presidential aides who came to work today had left the West Wing by 4 p.m.

The storm was another reminder that the world's largest enterprise, the United States government, is in fact made up of human beings with walkways to shovel and cars to dig out. Although the State Department issued statements today on the latest developments on Iraq, the NATO agreement on Turkey and the three Americans believed kidnapped by

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Colombian rebels, projecting the image of a powerful institution hard at work, all were in truth compiled by a snowed-in press duty officer who had papers all over her house and who spent the day trying to reach other homebound officials.

"I had to get a lot of people who were out scraping their cars," she said.

Certain extremities of the military were affected, too, even though Air Force F-15's and F-16's continued to fly patrols over the capital, as they have since the alert for a terrorist attack was raised on Feb. 7, and truck-mounted antiaircraft batteries remained positioned throughout the region.

"The ground-based equipment should not be impacted other than their crews having to keep their toes warm," said Maj. Barry Venable of the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

But a capital that has become accustomed to what seems like an inexorable march toward war mostly took a welcome day off from the tensions, with the snow silencing the usual tough words. People moved on cross-country skis down Massachusetts Avenue, the normally busy thoroughfare that stretches from Capitol Hill to the Maryland suburbs, and took children to build snow tunnels in neighborhood parks.

"It was a complete escape day," said Carolyn Deaver, who runs a nonprofit program to help women through cancer treatments and who is married to a former Reagan White House adviser, Michael K. Deaver. "I took a nap. I read a book. I went cross-country skiing, and I ate M&M's."

Although the snow stopped here by midday, Washington, not wanting to rush into things, decided it was best that people spend another day at home. The Office of Personal Management announced this afternoon that the federal government would be closed on Tuesday, as it was on Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

The decision, officials said, would help reduce commuting problems on local roads, many of them still unplowed and impassable after nearly two feet of snow. Mayor Williams, who announced that he himself would be out working with road crews to clear the streets, said that the storm had already put the city way over its snow budget for the year and that some other city services may have to be cut. The other problem, he said, was finding a place to put the snow.

"You can't just dump it in the river," he said. "That's an environmental hazard."

Schools, which were closed on Monday, will also be closed on Tuesday, causing shouts of joy among children who found the drifts too deep for good sledding today but anticipated speedier, packed-down snow on Tuesday.

Another Washingtonian who rejoiced in the snow was John O'Leary, a former United States ambassador to Chile who was the mayor of Portland, Me., in the 1980's, when Portland typically got one or two major snowstorms a year.

"The difference was, we had a fleet of trucks that would have taken care of the streets by now," Mr. O'Leary said. "But that's not a complaint. There is almost a 19th-century charm about being able to go out and be with your dog in the middle of the street."

Snow in Washington, he said, "really is quite beautiful."

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<http://www.micropat.com/og/ogn200312/ptclos.htm>

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Closing of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on
Tuesday, February 18, 2003

In view of the official closing of the Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office will consider February 18, 2003, a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. 21 and 37 C.F.R. 1.6, 1.7 and 1.9. Any action or fee due on February 18, 2003, will be considered as timely for the purposes of, e.g., 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 133 and 151, if the action is taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the United States Patent and Trademark Office was open, that is, Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

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Postal News from February 2003

February 19, 2003 -- As much of the East Coast digs out from a massive snow storm, the Postal Service is getting back to its usual schedule. In Vineland, NJ, as one example, The Daily Journal reports that "dangerous road conditions Monday crippled mail relay from the regional postal distribution center in Bellmawr to the Vineland distribution center on Almond Road. Trucks typically arrive three times a day. Only one delivery made it through, and it wasn't until late Monday." In many cases along the storm's path, roads remain impassible and mailboxes are buried beneath mounds of snow. As the local postmaster told the paper: "We're doing the best we can. We told our carriers not to compromise their safety and health."

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